

## § 406.2

and postsecondary educational institutions.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2394(b))

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### § 406.2 Who is eligible for an award?

A State board of vocational education (State board) in the fifty States, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, or the Virgin Islands is eligible for an allotment under this program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2394a(b))

### § 406.3 What activities may the Secretary fund?

(a) The Secretary makes allotments to State boards to provide funding for consortia described in § 406.30 for tech-prep education projects.

(b) A State board assists projects that must—

(1) Be carried out under an articulation agreement between the members of the consortium;

(2) Consist of the two years or four years of secondary school preceding graduation and two years of higher education, or an apprenticeship training program of at least two years following secondary instruction, with a common core of required proficiency in mathematics, science, communications, and technologies designed to lead to an associate degree or certificate in a specific career field;

(3) Include the development of tech-prep education program curricula appropriate to the needs of the consortium participants;

(4) Include in-service training for teachers that—

(i) Is designed to train teachers to implement tech-prep education program curricula effectively;

(ii) Provides for joint training for teachers from all participants in the consortium; and

(iii) May provide training on weekends, evenings, or during the summer in the form of sessions, institutes, or workshops;

(5) Include training activities for counselors designed to enable counselors to more effectively—

(i) Recruit students for tech-prep education programs;

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(ii) Ensure that students successfully complete tech-prep education programs; and

(iii) Ensure that students are placed in appropriate employment;

(6) Provide equal access to the full range of tech-prep education programs to individuals who are members of special populations, including the development of tech-prep education program services appropriate to the needs of these individuals so that these individuals have an opportunity to enter tech-prep education that is equal to the opportunity afforded to the general student population; and

(7) Provide preparatory services that assist all populations to participate in tech-prep education programs.

(c) A project assisted under this part may also—

(1) Provide for the acquisition of tech-prep education program equipment; and

(2) Acquire, as part of the planning activities of the tech-prep education program, technical assistance from State or local entities that have successfully designed, established, and operated tech-prep education programs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2394a, 2394b)

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### § 406.4 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the State-Administered Tech-Prep Education Program:

(a) The regulations in this part 406.

(b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 400.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2394–2394e)

### § 406.5 What definitions apply?

(a) The definitions in 34 CFR 400.4 apply to this part.

(b) The following definitions also apply to this part:

*Articulation agreement* means a commitment to a program designed to provide students with a non-duplicative sequence of progressive achievement leading to competencies in a tech-prep education program.

*Community college*—

(1) Has the meaning provided in 34 CFR 400.4 for the term *Institution of higher education* for an institution that

provides not less than a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree; and

(2) Includes tribally controlled community colleges.

*Institution of higher education* includes an institution offering apprenticeship programs of at least two years beyond the completion of secondary school, and includes, in addition to the institutions covered by the definition of the term *institution of higher education* in 34 CFR 400.4, a—

(1) Proprietary institution of higher education;

(2) Postsecondary vocational institution;

(3) Department, division, or other administrative unit in a college or university that provides primarily or exclusively an accredited program of education in professional nursing and allied subjects leading to the degree of bachelor of nursing, or to be an equivalent degree, or to a graduate degree in nursing; and

(4) Department, division, or other administrative unit in a junior college, community college, college, or university that provides primarily or exclusively an accredited two-year program of education in professional nursing and allied subjects leading to an associate degree in nursing or an equivalent degree.

*Tech-prep education program* means a combined secondary and postsecondary program that—

(1) Leads to an associate degree or two-year certificate;

(2) Provides technical preparation in at least one field of engineering technology, applied science, mechanical, industrial, or practical art or trade, or agriculture, health, or business;

(3) Builds student competence in mathematics, science, and communications (including through applied academics) through a sequential course of study; and

(4) Leads to placement in employment.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1088 and 2394e)

## Subpart B—How Does a State Apply for a Grant?

### § 406.10 What must the State application contain?

To receive a grant under this program, a State board shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, as the Secretary prescribes. The State board may submit an application along with the State plan submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 403.30. The application must include a description of—

(a) The requirements for State board approval of funding of a local tech-prep education project, including—

(1) Whether the State board intends to make awards on a competitive basis or on the basis of a formula; and

(2) If a formula is to be used, a description of that formula;

(b) How the State board will perform the following:

(1) Approve applications based on their potential to create an effective tech-prep education program as described in § 406.3(b).

(2) Give special consideration to applicants that—

(i) Provide for effective employment placement activities or transfer of students to four-year baccalaureate degree programs;

(ii) Are developed in consultation with business, industry, labor unions, and institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees; and

(iii) Address effectively the issues of dropout prevention and re-entry and the needs of minority youth of limited English proficiency, youth with disabilities, and disadvantaged youth;

(3) Ensure an equitable distribution of assistance between urban and rural consortium participants;

(c) How the State board will ensure that local recipients meet the requirements of this program; and

(d) How activities under this program will be coordinated with other tech-prep education programs, services, and